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Sumpter Police Chief Luke is Grand Marshal of parade

Sumpter Township Police Chief Eric Luke will serve as the Grand Marshal of Saturday's 40th Strawberry Festival Parade that steps off from Belleville High School at 11 a.m.

The parade route is the same as ever, down West Columbia Avenue to Five Points and then down the middle of Main Street between crafters and vendors' booths to the museum, where awards are presented and the parade disbands.

Chief Luke, who grew up in the Belleville area and lives in the city of Belleville, was recently named police chief in Sumpter Township.

Another one of the special highlights of the parade is the new Strawberry Festival Queen and her court who were selected the night before the parade.

The public is invited to the pageant at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the BHS Auditorium.

34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green is coordinator of the parade and she lists the following entries. They will not appear in this order.

- Augusta Fire Department
- Wayne County Fairgrounds 4-H Program
- Jitterbugs Elite Dance
- Van Buren Township Police and Color Guard
- Van Buren Township Elected Officials
- Van Buren Township Fire Dept.
- Belleville Elected Officials
- Belleville Fire Dept.
- Sumpter Township elected officials
- Sumpter Township Fire Dept.
- Phil Hart for Van Buren Township Supervisor
- Reggie Miller, Van Buren Township Trustee
- American Heritage Girls
- Kevin McNamara for Van Buren Township Supervisor
- Committee to Elect Brenda McClanahan

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Coach Peggy Curtis, BHS Softball team wins District Title for 5th yr.

Belleville High School Coach Peggy Curtis and her BHS Softball Team won the Michigan High School Athletic Association's District title for the fifth year in a row.

The varsity softball team defeated Lincoln Softball 5-4, on June 4 in the District Championship.

In an 11-inning, hard-fought battle the Tigers broke a 2-2 tie with a two-run homer from senior pitcher Jayla Jackson and a RBI fielder's choice by Madyson Ampe driving in Hailey Clement.

The previous two runs which were scored in the fifth inning came from an RBI from Kacee McWilliams who drove in Sam Jernigan who had singled to start the inning and Andrea Rodriguez drove in MacKenzie Kennedy who had also singled in the inning.

Jayla Jackson took the win giving up 7 hits and striking out 13. In the semi-final game against Ypsilanti, Jayla Jackson pitched a perfect game, giving up no hits, no walks and no errors and striking out 17

batters. Supplying the offense for the 7-0 victory were Hailey Clement who was 4 for 4 with 3 singles and a double. MacKenzie Kennedy had two hits.

The Tigers played on Saturday June 11, at Saline High School in Regionals and lost to Allen Park, 4-0.

Coach Curtis is retiring at the end of the season.

Car crashes into Hayward's, falls on deck just short of lake

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Just 10 minutes after officers in a Belleville Police patrol vehicle had pulled out of a favorite spot where it runs radar checks on vehicles coming over the Belleville Bridge, a car sped into that parking lot, smashed into a building, and ended on its side on the lakeside deck.

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said the incident happened at about 2:32 a.m. Saturday at Hayward's party store.

Chief Berriman said the car came over the bridge into the city and didn't make the curve. After hitting the corner of the

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VBPS suspends 4 Savage teachers without pay after they file law suit

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Less than a week after filing a Civil Rights law suit against the Van Buren Public Schools, four teachers that had been at Savage Elementary School were suspended, without pay, for 14 days – May 27-June 16.

Pamela Bradley, Michelle Komaromi, Brent Held, and Rebecca Tennis had been on paid administrative leave without charges since January.

Their original law suit against the school district, six of the seven members of the board, Michael Van Tassel and Shonta Langford-Green was filed May 20.

According to their law suit, amended June 2, less than a week after filing suit on May 26, the four teachers received disciplinary letters from VBPS alleging various violations of the M-STEP examination's testing protocols.

The amended law suit said the four were not given any notice in advance of receiving this discipline and they were not afforded the opportunity to respond to the allegations of wrongdoing set forth in the disciplinary letters before being disciplined.

The amended law suit claims this discipline was issued as a direct result of, and in retaliation to, filing of this law suit.

"At no point during their suspension over the course of the last five months was any disciplinary action taken, nor were any forthcoming disciplinary actions discussed with Plaintiffs until their law suit was filed," the suit states.

Further, it says, a disciplinary letter was not sent to the fifth teacher, who was able to return to her classroom without discipline despite being accused of conduct the same or similar to conduct that the four teachers received disciplinary letters and unpaid suspension for, solely because she had released her legal claims.

On Monday, a large audience waited more than an hour for the school board meeting to begin because the board had gone into closed-door session with its attorneys Collins & Blaha to discuss the law suit.

Before leaving the Belleville High School

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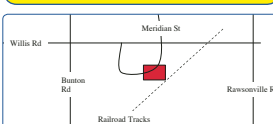
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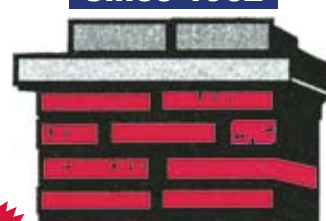
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Belleville City Council adopts budget, welcomes new clerk/treasurer

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On June 6, the Belleville City Council adopted its 2016-17 general fund budget of \$2,026,088 on a 4-1 vote, with Councilwoman Kim Tindall casting the only no vote.

She said the Downtown Development Authority's tentative budget sent over was "unacceptable to me." She said the cut from \$100,000 to \$65,000 for district maintenance is not proper. Also cutting from \$67,000 to \$15,000 for police and fire is unacceptable, "I don't have the words... I'm baffled."

She said she thinks flowers on Main Street are beautiful but putting \$8,000 in the budget for flowers and just \$15,000 in the general fund of the city for public safety doesn't make sense.

The city budget is balanced by taking \$52,060 from the fund balance, leaving an estimated \$911,765.35 in the fund balance at the end of the 2016-17 fiscal year.

The new fiscal year begins July 1.

At the budget discussion on May 23, the budget expenditures were more than \$90,000 over revenues, so cuts were made.

Among the cuts were about \$8,000 for salaries and uniforms for the fire department; one part-time person for the police department, \$30,000; and about \$16,000 for leaf pick up.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer introduced the new city clerk treasurer Sharri Scharf, who will take over when current Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Long retires on June 24.

The council officially confirmed her appointment near the end of the meeting.

In other business at the two-hour-and-15-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved a street closing request by Grace Baptist Church for its annual Fourth of July Picnic. High Street will be closed from behind the church to the corner of Roys from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. He invited any city employees working that day, including police on duty, to stop by and eat with them;

- Approved the Fire Department's request to upgrade the permit of the department from Medical First Responder to Basic Life Support level. EMTs will now, in addition to what they've done under MFR, be able to check a person's temperature, check blood sugar level, administer oral glucose, put in a combi-tube when person is in cardiac arrest, and administer an epi pen auto injector. "This gives us a chance to do the things we can do when HVA is further away," said Fire Chief Brian Loranger who said these days HVA is often 15, 20 or 25 minutes away during emergencies;
- Opened one bid for the two police cars: \$328 from Jim Schmenk for the 2001

model. "We're still stuck with the 2000," Mayor Conley said;

- Approved Scharf as the new signatore once Long has retired;

- Approved allowing the Strawberry Festival to have hospitality tents at Third and Fourth Streets if the Chamber of Commerce doesn't move forward with use of those spaces. The council already approved Chamber use of those areas;

- Was introduced to two new fire fighters who had just completed probationary status: Matt Skender and Jessica Kelly, both EMTs;

- Heard Tim Smith strongly oppose recognition of the Honor and Remember flag. He said most of the money given to Honor and Remember is to promote the organization and Gold Star mothers just get a flag. He said there are already Blue Star Flags and Gold Star Flags to honor the families of those who fight and die. Cornell Anton was present to support Smith's comments. Smith was deployed 10 times throughout his 20-year naval career to places including Iraq and Bagram, Afghanistan;

- Heard Randy Priest discuss leaf collection, which is no longer in the city budget. People in the council chambers suggested several ways to help people with leaf collection. After talking about how tight the budget is, Priest said, "If we cut leaf pick up, we can live without it. A lot of people will be disappointed";

- Discussed why the Downtown Development Authority budget isn't quite ready and must be amended later once it gets figures in for outsourcing some services. It was pointed out the city council has power over the DDA budget if it does not come in appropriately. DDA coordinator Carol Thompson was not present because she had retina surgery earlier that day. Mayor Conley said while the DDA revenue stream is there the cost of the bond payment increased, as was planned. "They came to the party a little late," Mayor Conley said of the timing, adding the DDA is seeking bids for outside contractors for Victoria Commons and grass cutting and don't have the figures. They put a budget together on what they *thought* they should pay. Mike Renaud said the DDA is dropping a bomb on the city for \$45,000. It was pointed out this is not the first year the DDA has been late with its budget;

- Learned the kayak rental business discussed for Horizon Park will not come this year; and

- Heard Brad Manley say he will be coming to the council soon with a proposal to shut down High Street on July 23 or 30 for a craft show and water show as a fund raiser for Ken Roberson who is fighting cancer.



Belleville City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Long, left, is showing the ropes to the new City Clerk/Treasurer Sherri Scharf. Long's last day before retirement is June 24. The city council plans to honor Long at its June 20 meeting.



Jessica Kelly, left, and Matt Skender were presented with fire helmets holding their new numbers to mark them getting off probation and being full-fledged fire fighters for the city of Belleville. The presentation was made by Fire Chief Brian Loranger, Lt. Brian Blackburn, and Lt. Chris Zweng at the council's regular meeting June 6. Both of the new fire fighters are Emergency Medical Technicians.

School Board approves 3-year contract for Supt. Kudlak at \$130,000

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A three-year contract for new School Supt. Peter Kudlak was unanimously approved by the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education at Monday's regular meeting.

Trustee Sherry Frazier said Supt. Kudlak accepted the lowest salary the board could offer because he understands the budget

problems. Supt. Kudlak's base salary is \$130,000.

Trustee Frazier said when Michael Van Tassel was made superintendent, his salary was \$135,000 and he did not hold the certificates needed for the job. She said Kudlak has the certificates.

She said Kudlak agreed to step forward

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Want to meet your candidates? This is the week for that

This is the week to see all of the local township candidates on your Aug. 2 primary election ballot.

People who found previous candidate forums here unprofessional called on the League of Women Voters for help.

A local group was formed under the wings of the Northwestern Wayne League of Women Voters. And, the experienced League of Women Voters personnel will run the candidate forum for VBT from 7 to 9 p.m. today (June 16) at Wayne County Community College on Haggerty Road. Local members of the LWV will volunteer as greeters and timers and other jobs.

The LWV also is having the forum video-recorded to be shown so those not attending can see the candidates.

Sumpter Township candidates will be available at next Wednesday's forum (June 22) at the Sumpter Township Community Center, also from 7 to 9 p.m. This, too, will be recorded to show on the Sumpter Township cable channel.

The August primary is important here because all but one of the candidates in VBT and Sumpter Township are Democrats. That means the candidates winning the Democratic primaries probably will be unopposed in November.

Get to know these candidates. Take a look at them in person and find out their backgrounds before you vote. The next four years in your township depends on the Aug. 2 primary election.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

It's getting close to absentee ballot voting time, so we will no longer accept announcements of candidacy to run free of charge as news. We are putting together a report on all the candidates and will run this early so absentee voters will have the information on candidates in Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township for the Aug. 2 primary election.

So far, Tim Rush in Sumpter is the only Republican candidate running in the two townships, so the Democrat candidates winning the primaries will, in most cases, be elected in the general election.

Paid political advertisements are available if you have more to say.

I was interested to find out if any of the outdoor sculptures erected in Belleville and Van Buren Township on May 26 were created by artists from this area. They weren't.

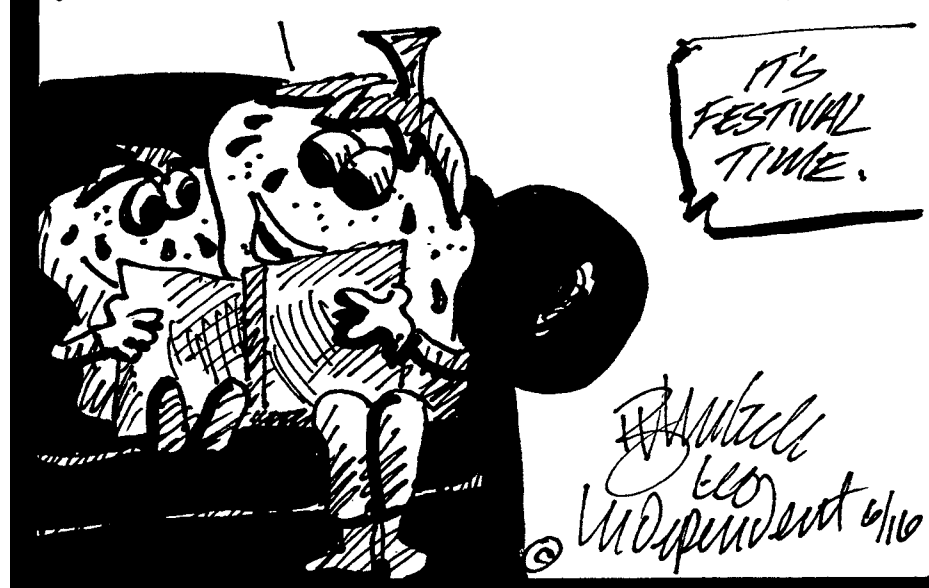
One, "Sun with Two Moons" at Five Points, was created by an artist in Manistee and "Self Series VIII" was by brothers in Detroit. Otherwise they are from out of state.

"Lupine," "Venus Redux," "Riding High," and "Storm Tree" are by artists in Toledo, OH; "Icarus" and "The Veteran" are by the same artist from Genon, OH; and "Gustometer" is by an artist in South Bend, IN.

Several local artists have voiced disappointment that artwork made here isn't invited to be displayed here.

In Romulus, last week an event coupled with its summer concert series opener unveiled the winners of the first Romulus Public Art Project.

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Last fall, the Romulus Arts Council, in partnership with the Romulus Downtown Development Authority, sought 2-D artists and photographers to submit high-quality images for a temporary outdoor public art installation. The theme was open to interpretation regarding the words "Art in Nature."

One hundred and fifty pieces were received for the contest from artists all around the region including Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Kentucky, Ohio and Chicago, Illinois. A jury of experts chose 10 to be temporarily displayed throughout the city between June 2016 and June 2017. The top three artists also received cash prizes.

We got a call from a man who said his daughter Kirstie Pichla is an internationally known artist and has just bought a building on Schooner Drive in VBT. He wondered why they didn't ask her to put up a sculpture.

Pichla, who creates metal sculptures, is the owner of Detroit Metal Works and has a welding and fab shop in VBT.

There is a survey on the Community Bulletin Board part of the Van Buren Township website (www.vanburen-mi.org) that is seeking input from residents as a piece of the supervisor office's financial visioning project. It will be up until June 30 and the results will be announced publicly, I'm told.

At last week's Belleville Planning Commission they were talking about Strawberry Festival. Rick Rutherford, who is Building Official and handling DPS chores, as well, said they had a close call.

He said for some reason, Wayne County thought Belleville's festival was June 3 and so on June 6 it was getting ready to start grinding down W. Columbia Avenue/W. Huron River Drive between Five Points and Elwell Road. The city stopped them in time. They had promised to wait until after the Strawberry Festival to start tearing up that street for resurfacing. Now they plan to start June 20 right after the festival ends.

A lady who lives on Church Street and gets around town in a motorized Amigo thanked us for publishing in last week's paper the advertisement from the person who found her watch. After she called the number in the paper, Betty Fleming, who found the watch, delivered it to the lady and the lady was very grateful. The lady who lost her watch said she was the same lady who wrote to us after a stranger paid for her groceries earlier this year.

She said God has been looking out for her and I said, "You must be doing something right." She said she hoped so.



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 their own."

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Letters

Join FMAR at Strawberry Festival

To the Editor:

Happy Strawberry Festival, Belleville! While touring the festival, please stop under the Higgerson-Neal Funeral Home canopy. Say hello to the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue staff and some of the animals that are up for adoption.

On June 25, FMAR will have a presence at Crosswinds Marsh "Nature Fest." This Wetland Interpretive Preserve will sponsor a free family event with many fun activities. Location: 27600 Haggerty, New Boston (Sumpter Township).

On July 8, the Bemis Summer Camp kids will host two car wash fundraisers for FMAR between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Donations only. Baked goods and lemonade for sale. Cars washed at 77 W. Bemis in Saline and at Model Early Childhood Building, 8850 Whittaker in Ypsilanti.

The 7th-annual FMAR Golf Outing Fundraiser happens at Green Oaks Golf Course, 1775 E. Clark, Ypsilanti, on July 9 starting at 12:30 p.m. It's a four-person, best-ball scramble with a shotgun start. It includes hot dogs and chips at the turn with a steak dinner to follow at the Ypsilanti Eagles. Cost is \$55/person. Coolers welcome. We are still looking for hole sponsors at \$100 each. Send checks to FMAR, 51299 Arkona. For more information call Kathi at (734) 635-9141.

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FMAR has awesome statistics to share. In 2015 we adopted out all the 148 dogs we took in. 223 cats got adopted out of the 209 we took in so some long-time shelter cats found their forever families. We sterilized 710 feral cats (including their kittens) with our TNR program (trap/neuter/return of ferals).

FMAR expenses continue to rise. A huge thank you to folks who attended our Cinco de Mayo fundraiser at the BYC in May, and to the volunteers who turned up for Volunteer Clean-up Day June 11. Our need for volunteers rises in the summer. If you are interested in joining our FMAR team, please call Sandy Seaton at (734) 417-5117. Thedogs,cats,kittens(galore),andtheFMAR team wish you a safe and happy summer.

Linda Luke,
 FMAR Fundraiser

What's going on with the car show on Main?

To the Editor:

Perhaps someone can enlighten me. A busy public thoroughfare is closed on a regular basis at a busy time of day when more of us are out because of the weather for what are called shows.

The street is closed directly in front of eating and drinking establishments that do great business along with other businesses for which closing the road is fine.

My view is a busy public road is being closed to benefit private interest. There are no car show contest prizes or entrant results reported to the paper. You can't park to get in the drug store and parking is restricted on Liberty. Other resident or legal opinions are welcome.

Tom Elliott

We all want beautiful, clean community

Dear Neighbors:

In response to: "If we all work together we can clean up our area"

I, too, have noticed not only litter, but a lot of junk around us. I am talking about driving down the road and seeing backyards so full of junk and broken-down fences that they look like a junk yard.

The grass is unkempt and the weeds are high, the trees have big dead branches. How do people not care about where they live? It really is not that hard to have a yard that is clean and neat. Yes, it does take a little work, but isn't your yard worth it? Wouldn't it be nice to walk out in your yard and be proud of where you live? It really doesn't cost that much to cut grass and throw litter and junk away and cut branches off trees.

We live in a community we can be proud of. Let's all try to make it our best! Thank you, Joy, for recognizing the need to let people know how this problem needed to be addressed. We all should want a beautiful, and clean community! Let's make this a better place! I will do my part, I hope to see others follow.

Linda Farkas
 Van Buren Township

Reality Check gives added ability to cope

To the Editor:

The Belleville Area Women's Club just completed another Reality Check at McBride Middle School for the eighth-grade students. It was a fun experience interacting and hoping to instill some ground work for them to go out into the world with some added knowledge of how to cope.

We hear bad vibes about the younger generation in our schools. We did not experience this with McBride Middle School students. I am sure it has to do with the excellent teaching staff.

Thank you,
 Gloria Dougherty, Chair
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 Reality Check

"Art flourishes when there is a sense of adventure"

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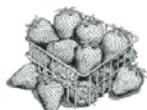
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Obituaries



Lester Wayne Brown

LESTER WAYNE BROWN

May 26, 1961 – June 10, 2016

Lester Wayne Brown, age 56, a longtime Van Buren Township resident.

Lester was the beloved wife of Sheri for 23 wonderful years; loving father of Justin Brown of Detroit, Leslie Brown of North Carolina, Joshua Brown of Wayne and Gabrielle Brown of Belleville.

Mr. Brown is also survived by his mother Hazel Brown of Detroit and brother Billie Brown of Detroit. Also, he is survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Born on May 26, 1961 in Olive Springs, TN to Clyde and Hazel Brown, Lester moved to Michigan and became a longtime Belleville-area resident. A member of the First United Methodist Church of Belleville, he had a deep faith in God. Lester enjoyed football and time with his family.

A memorial service honoring Lester's life was held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111, (734) 697-4500. Visiting hours were 12 noon until the 3 p.m. service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the wishes of the family. Please

sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Jerry W. Bennett

JERRY W. BENNETT

(March 19, 1956 – June 7, 2016)

Jerry W. Bennett, age 60, of Lincoln Park passed away June 7, 2016.

Loving father of Heather and Justin. Dear brother of Judy, Sharon, Annette, and Kathy. Faithful companion to Chewy.

Visitation was 1 to 7 p.m. June 11 at Heritage Funeral Home, Southgate, with a service at 4 p.m. Cremation followed.

He will be sadly missed by dozens of co-workers at D.S.T. Industries in Romulus. He was requested to work the International Auto Show every year because of his talents in paint and body work. He liked and was knowledgeable about classic cars and loved his Pandora App. to listen to oldies music as he worked in the shop.

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RODNEY FRANK VANDERCOOK

(November 26, 1959 – June 8, 2016)

Rodney Frank Vandercook, age 56, of Willis, June 8, 2016. Beloved husband of Lori Vandercook. Loving father of Tabatha Vandercook. Dearest brother of Tina (Robert) Vick and Jeffrey (Sherri) Vandercook. Dear son of Frank and Bertha Vandercook. He is also survived by his mother-in-law Krista Brennan. He is preceded in death by his sons Jeremy Vandercook and Thomas Brennan and his father-in-law Harry Brennan.

Service was 4 p.m. Sunday, June 12, 2016 at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation was Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

His cremation took place at "The Witness Crematory" located inside of Michigan Memorial Funeral Home. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park.

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Motorcycle accident kills Maybee man early Sunday morning

On Sunday at about 2:34 a.m. Van Buren Township Police and Fire personnel were dispatched to the area of East Huron River Drive and Edison Lake for a motorcycle crash.

Van Buren Public Safety personnel arrived to locate a crashed motorcycle, unoccupied off the roadway, north of Huron River Drive.

Officers searched the area and located a male next to a tree near his motorcycle. Officers began CPR on the victim who was later pronounced dead by Huron Valley Ambulance Paramedics on scene.

Preliminary investigation shows that the motorcycle was traveling west on Huron River Drive when it went off the roadway, traveled several feet in the grass, flipped several more feet until coming to a rest, and the rider thrown against a tree.

The victim was later identified as Shawn Anthony Beaton, 38, a resident of Maybee.

Members of the Accident Investigative Team were called to the scene and the crash is still under investigation.

Music Lakeside to begin season June 23 with River Raisin Ragtime

This summer's weekly Music Lakeside concerts at Horizon Park in Belleville kick off at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 23, with River Raisin Ragtime Review.

The rest of the summer schedule, all at 7 p.m. on Thursdays:

- June 30 - David Gerald (blues)
- July 7 - Midwest Dueling Pianos
- July 14 - Bugs Bedow & the Good Stuff (rock and soul)
- July 21 - Corktown Popes (Irish rock)
- July 28 - Billy Craig (country)
- Aug. 4 - Jill Jack (rock/folk)
- Aug. 11 - Big Ray and the Motor City Kings (rock/blue)
- Aug. 18 - No show due to the Taste of Belleville
- Aug. 25 - Dig A Phony (Beatles tribute)

More Letters

Adam Byrd should leave politics to professionals

To the Editor:

Adam Byrd is an individual who simply can't differentiate between my criticizing political office holders for incompetence, stupidity, and corruption as opposed to his perception of racial bigotry. Yes, there is a difference, and my using the words "people of color" somehow terribly offended him previously even though the national black caucus uses the terminology daily.

I happened to incorporate the word "minority" in a recent letter regarding the appointment of Ms. Shonta Langford-Green as the new Human Resources Director under Wayne County Executive Warren Evans. Forgive me for stating the facts regarding the politicians in Wayne County, I also referred to the corruption that was abundant during Robert Ficano's administration and he, too, was a minority even though he's not black. I also mentioned the federal prosecution of former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick as a blatant example of what is wrong when people are elected simply because of their ethnicity.

I could go on further, but by now Mr. Byrd has probably concocted a civil rights violation against me and no doubt has contacted his local chapter of the NAACP. Oh, by the way, that's the National Association for the Advancement of **Colored People**, another term we no longer use!

Officer Byrd prides himself on being black and he often even proclaimed himself "the first black patrol officer in Van Buren Township." Wrong again, as he was informed by his department leadership, and why his skin color would matter to anyone is a major question? So why does he make a big deal out of it and if he's such a good cop what difference does it make?

Because we live in a violent period in our history and black children are being killed randomly in our cities throughout America I think it should be noted that the violence is abundant in areas afflicted with drug wars and ghetto neighborhoods -- in places like Chicago, New Orleans, St. Louis, Detroit, Pontiac, etc. In fact, Officer Byrd was once a proud member of the DPOA and I wonder why he abandoned Detroit to move to our township? Didn't it matter that the good citizens of Detroit needed honest and responsible police officers of any color?

Next Byrd even dragged Clerk Wright's unfortunate vehicle altercation into his attack against me, and, yes, I challenged Leon Wright not to hide behind his race when it came to an incident involving his responsibilities in our community. I didn't play the race card, but Byrd and former Supervisor Paul White made a dog and pony show out of the proceedings.

As you are aware, I also made a formal complaint to the Michigan State Police Commander that explained how Police Officer Adam Byrd caused my family

great harm with his insidious accusations and racist attitude. Does he really want to drudge up this matter further? Is he so bold as to think I would forget our negotiated arrangement that was parlayed by former **Public Safety Director Carl McClanahan** and then **Captain Greg Laurain**? I still have the copies of the complaint and the letters associated with his unsavory behavior. For someone sworn to protect the public, Officer Byrd seems truly confused.

Maybe Adam Byrd should try being a good cop for awhile and leave the politics to the professionals. If he feels that he has to defend certain people that are being criticized for their political blundering perhaps he should stand up for Donald Trump? Now there's a Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy couple if ever there was one!

Adam Byrd is a legend in his own mind and the good people in this community have learned to ignore his meanderings and his false bravado of "community activism." Ask anyone who truly knows him and then simply measure his opposition to the recent dedicated Public Safety Department Millage with the future of our neighborhoods and schools. If he can't see the dilemma that's coming to our borders then he's either blind or ignorant.

Regards,

CeJay Marshall

Van Buren Township

Sgt. Devos criticizes politics in police dept.

From: "Devos, Bart"

Date: June 10, 2016 at 12:37:08 AM EDT

To: All Public Safety

Subject: Union support

Union membership:

I read an article on social media that indicates our three union Presidents are endorsing a supervisor candidate in the up-coming election. This endorsement by the three "Union Presidents" makes the insinuation to anyone/everyone that reads

the article that the three unions, and their memberships, are endorsing a specific candidate. Not one person I have talked to thought for one second that the endorsement was only from the three individuals.

I know the membership has openly stated they have no intention of putting their name on an endorsement, (based on the events of the last time we endorsed a candidate). I have further issues with the three union Presidents that go to a meeting with a potential candidate (with Paul White as well) and come back from the meeting with no information for its union members of what the candidate's platform is for the Township, or for public safety. If you are going to use your "Union President" endorsement don't you think your membership deserves to know what information the candidate gave to you that deserves endorsement?

If this candidate loses the election our union members will pay for the insinuated endorsement again and if this candidate wins I am sure the three individual members will gain, or benefit from what appears to be a "backdoor deal." This insinuated union endorsement is nothing more than a backdoor way of gaining support that was not given. Do not insult your members and

say that was not your intention.

Shame on you for using your union titles for dirty politics and insinuating full membership endorsement. This meeting appeared to be very secretive from the start and even more so since you did not come back to your members with any information.

I hope our three Union Presidents can now have a meeting that can affect all of the membership. This meeting should consist of ways to get the Public Safety Millage passed so we do not lose members, duty crews, or pay higher retirement premiums because of the lost members, unsafe manpower issues, etc.

I will not insinuate that all union members have my same beliefs but I will say there are more than three.

Sgt. Bart DeVos

Editor's Note: This letter was obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request by the *Independent*.

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• Greca Choi Kwang Do Demo Team

Extreme Water Sports

Other special events on Saturday include Extreme Water Sports shows at 2 and 5 p.m. on Belleville Lake in front of Horizon Park, where festival-goers can watch the fun.

Festival events will be happening at six venues, with most on Main Street and at the St. Anthony Catholic Church grounds.

The Central Business Community will have juried crafters lined up along Main Street and there also are vendors along the street, closed off for the week end. A white tiger exhibit returns to the intersection of Main and Third streets and Chobani Yogurt will be handing out samples at its location. Main Street also had a carnival midway.

A large number of events always take place at the St. Anthony grounds on West Columbia Avenue, including a carnival, bingo, entertainment and lots of food.

Trinity Episcopal Church on Belleville Road, just south of I-94, features lots of strawberries in everything from smoothies to sundaes and tarts to pies and breads and jams. The church's special sloppy joes also are served.

The Kona Strawberry Run is 7 p.m. Friday from Horizon Park. The beer tickets

given out at the end will be redeemable at St. Anthony's beer tent.

The Belleville Area Lions Club will be selling tickets to raffle off a 26" Men's Brutus fat-tire bike. Their booth will be on Belleville Road in front of Trinity church.

Belleville Presbyterian Church on Belleville Road will be offering tours of its Martha Mary Chapel and also will offer free parking for the trolley shuttle that stops at all festival venues.

Belleville Presbyterian also is offering a Strawberry Festival rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Also, Karate demonstrations will be given Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The water show is at Horizon Park and the annual Father's Day car show put on by Cinnamons on Sunday is at Victory Park.

Summer Reading Program under way at Belleville Library

Registration is in full swing for the Summer Reading Program for kids at the Belleville Area District Library. Programs start next week.

Preschool Schedule (Read-to-Me)

Wednesdays, 7 p.m. June 22-July 27

June 22 -- The Music Lady

June 29 -- Drummunity

July 6 -- Ming the Magnificent

July 13 -- Joe Reilly and his Guitar

July 20 -- Gratitude Steel Band

July 27 -- Farm Animals

SRP Schedule (Independent Readers)

Tuesdays, 11 a.m. June 21-July 26

June 21 -- Gratitude Steel Band

June 28 -- Baffling Bill and Gus the Bunny

July 5 -- Gordon Russ the Magician

July 12 -- Joel Tacey Comedy Show

July 19 -- Sean Gaskell West African Harp

July 26 -- History of Rock-n-Roll & Final Awards

TEEN Schedule (for kids who are starting 6th grade next year and up)

Mondays, 7 p.m. June 20-July 25

June 20 -- Board Games, Magic: The

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June 27 -- PICTUS Scottish Rock Band from

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July 18 -- Tai Chi for Teens

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This weekend marks the 40th anniversary of the Strawberry Festival here in town and the weather forecast is calling for a nice week end, once the rain fronts go through. There are lots of fun things to do and don't forget Dad on Father's Day Sunday, June 19.

Belleville Presbyterian Church on Belleville Road is holding its annual Rummage Sale today through Saturday. The church will offer free parking and shuttle service to the Strawberry Festival in town. The church grounds will hold karate demonstrations throughout the weekend featuring Tang Soo Do instruction, Kid's Stranger Awareness, and Women's Self Defense.

The 1st Annual Randy Lancaster Memorial Golf Outing, to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, will take place on Saturday, July 23 at the Rustic Glen Golf Course in Saline. The cost is \$75 per golfer and \$300 per team. The fees include 18-holes, power cart, lunch and a chance to win prizes. Deadline to register is July 16. To sign up or for more info, call Brandon Lancaster at (734) 231-4504 or Ron Held at (734) 323-6919. See their ad in today's paper for more info.

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? There is no charge. Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, June 16** – League of Women Voters presents a candidate forum for those running for Van Buren Township offices in the Aug. 2 primary election. It runs from 7 to 9 p.m. at Wayne County Community College, Haggerty Rd., D-100 Lecture Hall. Supervisor candidates at 7:05 p.m., Treasurer candidates at 7:50 p.m., and trustee candidates at 8:15 p.m.

• **Thursday, June 16** – Free Open Clinic for Van Buren Pride Soccer at Quirk Park. Birth years 2007-2005, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Birth years 2004-high school level, 6:45-8 p.m. Information: www.vanburenpride.com.

• **Friday, June 17, to Sunday, June 19** – Annual Strawberry Festival week end.

• **Sunday, June 19** – Cinnamon's Annual Father's Day Car Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Victory Park at Five Points in Belleville. Pre-registration gathering is 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 17, at Belleville Faith Assembly Church, 894 E. Huron River Dr. Free hot dogs, chips and drink to all who pre-register for the Sunday show. \$10 pre-registration; \$20 at the gate. Information: (734) 260-0250 or BigCinnamon@gmail.com.

• **Wednesday, June 22** – The non-partisan League of Women Voters presents a candidate forum for those running for Sumpter Township offices in the Aug. 2 primary election. At 7 p.m. at the Sumpter

Community Center.

• **Wednesday, June 22** – One night only air show at Willow Run Airport. Gates open at 5:30 p.m., flying starts at 7 p.m. The Canadian Forces Snowbirds will be flying, along with Canadian Forces CF-18 Hornet Demo Team and the Canadian Force Skyhawks.

• **Thursday, June 23** – State Rep. Bill LaVoy, D-Monroe, will meet with constituents from 11 a.m. until noon at the Sumpter Township Senior Center, 2350 Sumpter Road. Residents can also reach Rep. LaVoy at his office at (517) 373-1530 or toll-free at (855) 528-6917.



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Ana Victoria Campos was sworn in to the Michigan Bar by Supreme Court Justice David F. Viviano.

Ana Campos sworn in to State Bar of Michigan as newly admitted attorney

Fernando Campos and Rena Xuereb of Belleville proudly announce their daughter, Ana Victoria Campos, 25, was sworn in by Michigan Supreme Court Justice David F. Viviano to the State Bar of Michigan as a newly admitted attorney.

The private swearing in ceremony took place in the Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing where Ana was sponsored as fit to practice law by her cousin, attorney Joseph

Xuereb of Xuereb Law Group PC.

Ana earned a Juris Doctorate degree in 2015 from Wayne State University Law School. She is a 2012 graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where she earned a bachelor of arts, and a 2008 graduate of Belleville High School.

Ana currently works at the Michigan Supreme Court in the office of Justice David F. Viviano.

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Celebrate International Day of Yoga on June 21 at French Landing Park

Over 20 million Americans practice yoga. This year, on June 21, people all over the world will gather to celebrate the United Nations' second International Day of Yoga.

The first International Day of Yoga, in 2015, had yogis all over the world taking to the mat to show their love of yoga. India set the record for the biggest yoga class ever with 36,000 people participating in one place, according to Time magazine. An estimated two billion people took part in the celebration.

The local event is Yoga in the Park, at French Landing Park, 12090 Haggerty Road, Van Buren Township 48111. The park is located on the west side of Haggerty Road, just south of I-94 and the I-94 South Service Drive.

The class, presented by Van Buren Parks & Recreation, is held every Saturday all summer long, 8-9 a.m. Wear loose or stretchy clothing and bring a mat.

This is typically a donation-based class. Participants can attend on Saturday, June 18, at no charge.

Whether you are an experienced yoga practitioner, or looking to experience yoga for the first time, you are invited to join in.

Yoga embodies unity of mind and body, thought and action -- a holistic approach that is valuable to our health and our well-being. Yoga is not just about exercise; it is a way to discover the sense of oneness with yourself, the world and with nature.

Dominique Foley named to Dean's List honors at Walsh

Dominique Foley, a resident of Belleville, was among the 790 students from Walsh University named to the Spring 2016 Dean's List. The university is in North Canton, OH.

Free class starts June 30 teaching how to do family history research

A free class on how to do family history research begins at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, June 30, and runs through Aug. 4, with classes 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday evening.

The class in basic genealogical research and use of research tools is for personal enrichment and to share with the family.

Classes will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 941 South Grove, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

To reserve a place in the class, contact Kathy Bailey at (734) 461-6133, (734) 660-1971 or kbailey@gmail.com.

Those attending will learn how to search huge online databases, including FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com.

The class will include technologies for doing research, organizing family information, and learning of records that are available for various locations worldwide during different periods of time.

Bailey said, "We will learn of many resources that provide help when working at home or in a library. We'll work together to find answers to the questions of our family ancestry."

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Correction: Sculpture costs leases total \$15,590

The cost we printed on last week's front page for the total cost of leasing the ten outdoor sculptures from Michigan Sculpture Initiative was a little higher than it should have been. The total invoiced by MSI for the leasing was \$15,590 (not the \$16,250 noted in the story). We regret the error.

There was additional cost for promotion of the sculptures on top of that.

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority paid 60% of the total, \$9,354, for six sculptures. The Van Buren Township DDA paid 40% of the total, \$6,236, for

four sculptures.

Carol Thompson, coordinator of the Belleville DDA, said the costs that added up to those totals were: \$7,500 for artist stipends (10 x \$750), \$4,550 for sculpture installation, \$2,790 fee to MSI, and \$750 for one year's rental of the concrete foundation.

Rosemary K. Oztzman, editor

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The Morgan Team member are, from left in back, Alan Bates, Matthew Oddy, and Don LaPorte, and, in front, Esther Hurst, John W. Morgan, Peggy Morgan, and Don Swinson.

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John W. Morgan Team announces candidacy in Sumpter Township

Sumpter Township has made tremendous progress during the past four years and is regarded by most as the emerging “gem” of the tri-community area. Sumpter Township is, indeed, the place where you’ll find “Country Living at its Finest” and where government works the way it’s suppose to: Of the People, For the People and By the People.

In the area of public safety, our police and fire departments are among the tops in the state, if not the nation. Our fire department conducts on-going training thereby learning all the time new and innovative ways of doing their jobs with more efficiency, so as to keep up to date with state-mandated changes in their operation.

In addition to ongoing training, our police department is also creative in improving their job performance. Our department was the first in the area to employ chest cameras which dramatically reduces the claims of police misconduct. Our officers are meticulously selected and are held to very high performance standards. They are given the necessary training to carry out all their assignments with the highest order of efficiency and professionalism. Sumpter Township was the first area community to install sirens throughout the entire 37.6 square miles of our Township. These sirens could prove to be life-saving in case of a catastrophic weather event.

Sumpter Township has a very active Senior Program and Community Center to provide needed activities for our residents.

The men and women who make up the John W. Morgan Team are dedicated public servants who have a history of commitment to public service. They are men and women of impeccable moral character and integrity, providing the leadership, experience and trust residents need. These are honest men and women, who given the chance, will continue to move this Township forward, TOGETHER!

We are asking all residents of Sumpter Township who support a team that works harmoniously together, without the infighting and bickering that characterizes

some municipalities, to come out Aug. 2 and vote for the entire John W. Morgan Team!

John W. Morgan-Supervisor
Esther Hurst-Clerk
Alan D. Bates-Treasurer
Don LaPorte-Trustee
Peggy Morgan-Trustee
Matt Oddy-Trustee
Don Swinson-Trustee

Allison Cinnamon, Kevin Robertson to wed June 19



Steve and Anna Cinnamon of Belleville announce the engagement of their daughter Allison M. Cinnamon of Belleville to Kevin D. Robertson, son of Kevin R. and Tammy Robertson, all of Belleville. The bride-to-be graduated from Milan High School in 2011 and attended Washtenaw Community College pursuing a degree in automotive fabrication. She is currently employed at the Costco Distribution Center in Van Buren Township. The bridegroom-to-be graduated from Belleville High School in 2005 and is employed at Saline Lectronics in Saline, although currently he is off on FMLA as he is battling cancer. The couple will wed June 19 in Belleville.

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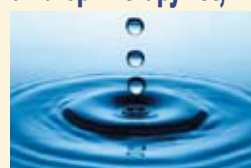
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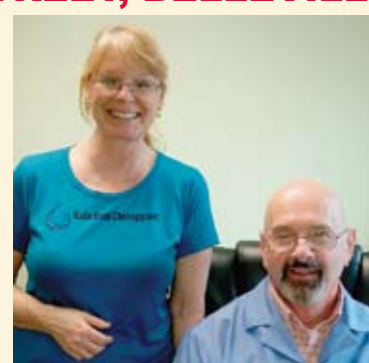
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Hayward crash

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party store it went through the fence, and dropped onto the deck on its side.

He said a female that had been in the car fled the scene and the man who remained told police the woman was the driver.

The woman had left her purse in the car and when she came to J&T Crova towing yard to retrieve her purse, she was arrested.

Chief Berriman said the woman was wanted on a felony warrant in Texas and that department said it will extradite her.

The man in the car was taken to the hospital to be examined even though he said he wasn't injured. Chief Berriman said the drop from the parking lot to the deck was a substantial distance and the impact was severe.

He said police were investigating further since it was unsure who was driving.

In an interesting side story, Chief Berriman said while Officer Matthew Vandeweghe was handling things at the scene of the accident, Officer Kendra Rose gave a fire fighter a lift back to the fire hall to pick up something.

That's when a tow truck driver alerted her there was a car parked in the middle of the street in front of the police department with the driver asleep at the wheel.

She found the driver asleep with a marijuana cigarette in his hand and 26 grams of marijuana in a bag in his car. He was cited for driving under the influence.



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Suspect in custody in connection with armed robbery at Comfort Inn

On Saturday, a suspect was taken into custody for questioning in connection with an armed robbery at the Comfort Inn in Van Buren Township on June 8.

Van Buren Township Police, along with police agencies from Canton and Ann

Arbor, worked on robberies believed to have been committed by the same suspect.

Video obtained from the Comfort Inn in Van Buren, the Super 8 Motel in Canton, and a Jimmy John's Restaurant in Ann Arbor robbed this past week, helped tie

these robberies to the same suspect.

VBT detectives, with assistance from the Michigan Department of Corrections, helped in identifying the suspects who had been incarcerated for a previous Home Invasion crime and was on tether release.

The suspect was taken into custody on parole violations Saturday morning at a hotel in Ann Arbor by police and Michigan Department of Corrections officers until he can be arraigned on robbery charges by all three agencies.

The armed robbery at the Comfort Inn Motel on the South I-94 Service Drive was at 3:50 a.m., June 8. The clerk told police the man ran in the front door with a black revolver handgun and fired one shot at the front desk wall and then demanded money.

The clerk opened the cash drawer at which time the suspect climbed on top of the counter and fired another shot into the counter. The man reached into the cash drawer taking more than \$250 in cash and then fled outside.

The suspect was described as a black male with dark complexion, of medium build, wearing a white, long-sleeved sweatshirt, grey sweatpants, white tennis shoes, sunglasses, white hat with black trim and a white mask/bandanna covering his face.

The clerk was unharmed and the robber was last seen running out the front doors to

an unknown SUV waiting in the parking lot. He was considered armed and dangerous, police said.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, June 20 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study session, 7 p.m., B.H.S. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, June 21 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, June 22 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, June 27 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building.

- Tuesday, June 28 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, July 5 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m., followed by regular board meeting at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, July 12 – Van Buren Township

"Tact: the ability to describe others as they see themselves."

– Abraham Lincoln

City of Belleville Public Notice

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE, WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, July 5, 2016 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

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Proposals

Proposition P - Parks Millage continuation rollback rate of .2459 for five more years 2016-2020.

Wayne County Zoological Authority renewal millage renewal of 0.1 mill for a period of ten years beginning 2018 through 2027.

A sample ballot may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the City you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also change their address in the following manners:

In Person:

At the City Hall Clerk's Office, or at the office of any County Clerk during normal business hours.

At any Secretary of State Branch office located throughout the State during normal business hours.

At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some office of the Commission for the Blind.

At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

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Note: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the City/Township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION:

1. Applicant is at least 18 Years of age.
2. Resident of Belleville for at least 30 days.
3. Citizen of the United States.

APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS are available at the City Clerk's Office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the August 2, 2016, Primary Election is Saturday, July 30, 2016 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the City Clerk's office.

Lisa Long,
City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: June 16, 2016

City of Belleville Public Notice

RESOLUTION NO. 16-066

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2016-17 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2016-17 City Budget has been presented by the City Manager and reviewed by the City Council with the Administration, resulting in various modifications being made to the proposed budget, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 6, 2016 as required by City Charter for final determination.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby determines that the 2016 property tax levy for the City of Belleville shall be 18.126 Mills for general operating purposes payable to the General Fund; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the one percent (1%) collection fee be levied as provided by Statute; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby adopts the 2016-17 City Budget as follows:

FUND	REVENUES	EXPENDS.
General Fund	\$ 2,026,088	\$ 2,078,148
Major Street Fund	\$ 187,670	\$ 164,760
Local Street Fund	\$ 97,000	\$ 76,000
Cemetery Fund	\$ 67,550	\$ 67,550
Sanitation Fund	\$ 198,000	\$ 194,031
Perpetual Care Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ -0-
Building Dept. Fund	\$ 75,000	\$ 77,925
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Public Improvement Fund	\$ -0-	\$ 1,747
Capital Equipment Fund	\$ 30,000	\$ 58,065
DDA Operating Fund	\$ 348,735	\$ 348,735
DDA Debt Service Fund	\$ 350,396	\$ 350,396

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that pursuant to state law, the City Manager is hereby authorized to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation within each Fund, but not from Contingency or Capital Reserve Accounts nor between Funds.

Adopted by City Council Resolution No.16-66 on June 6, 2016.

Publish: June 16, 2016

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GARAGE/YARD SALE

MISSION POINTE sub-wide sale. Thursday, June 16, Friday, June 17 & Saturday, June 18, 9am-4pm. Huron River Drive, East of Rawsonville. 6/16

GREENBRIAR SUB-WIDE SALE. June 16-18, 9am-5pm daily. Belleville Road at Van Born Road. 6/16

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JUNE 16, 17 & 18, 9am-5pm. 44823 Harris. Misc., boys & girls clothing, toys. Lots of good stuff. 6/16

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 16-19, 9am-? 28280 Martinsville. Tons of everything. We have what you want! 6/16

AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



Sumpter Township Public Notice



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2016

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Developmental Services Deputy Director Best, DDA Deputy Director Lothringer, and an audience of six (6).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Minutes of May 16, 2016; Board Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2016; Prepaid List of May 27, 2016; Prepaid List of June 2, 2016; Voucher List of June 7, 2016 and Extension of the 2016 Summer Tax Collection without penalty through Friday, September 30, 2016] Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs read a letter from a resident highlighting the positive experience they had with Officer Scott Griggs.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 5-16-16 to provide regulations for the registration of medical marihuana cultivation facilities in the Township. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Budd, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan and Miller. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried. The Ordinance creates a registration process with Public Safety, requires annual renewal and Special Land Use approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budd moved, McClanahan seconded to approve fees in the amount of \$2500.00 for registration and \$2500.00 for annual renewal of medical marihuana cultivation facilities in the Township. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs encouraged all residents to take the "Van Buren Township Community Survey" located on the Township website www.vanburen-mi.org and available at all offices throughout Township Hall, and announced the Fireworks will be held on Saturday June 25, 2016 at approximately 10:00 p.m. at the Beck Ballfields 10200 Beck Rd. Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band will perform prior to the fireworks. Rain date is Sunday June 26, 2016.

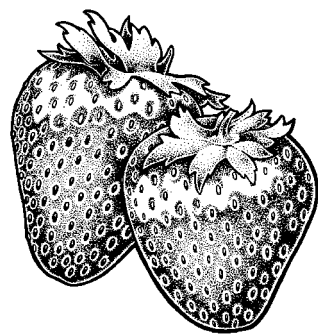
NON AGENDA: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda Combs, Supervisor

Publish: June 16, 2016



SUMPTER TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

2015 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Our department is proud of the fine drinking water it provides and is honored to provide this report to you. The 2015 Annual Consumer Confidence Report on Water Quality shows the sources of our water, lists the results of our tests, and contains important information about water and health. The Sumpter Township Water and Sewer Department will notify you immediately if there is ever any reason from concern about our water. We are pleased to show you how we have surpassed water quality standards as mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The state and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to insure its safety.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health."

The vulnerability of some populations to contaminants in drinking water.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Sumpter Township Water Department is

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responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated with in the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very low" to "very high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

DWSD has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. DWSD participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. In 2015, DWSD received a grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to develop a source water protection program for the Detroit River intakes. The programs include seven elements that include the following: roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies, delineation of a source water protection area, identification of potential of source water protection area, management approaches for protection, contingency plans, siting of new sources and public participation. If you would like to know more information about this report or a complete copy of this report please, contact the

Sumpter Township Water Department
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
(734) 461-6201 x 2242

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Law suit

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cafeteria for its closed-door session, board vice president Martha Toth read a statement saying board members are unable to respond to details of the litigation. President Brent Mikulski was not present because he was at the special event in the BHS gymnasium because his daughter was entering high school from eighth grade.

When the board returned to the meeting, Mikulski was present.

Trustee Sherry Frazier noted at the beginning of the meeting that there have been no invoices from Collins & Blaha for the board to approve because the law firm hasn't billed the district for May or June. She said if they don't bill regularly it could throw the district's budget off.

Frazier said to date the law firm has been paid \$264,000 and she thinks that will rise to a total to \$350,000 this year, up from \$65,000 the previous year. She said this extra money paid to the lawyers is taking away from instruction.

At the end of the meeting, Frazier again spoke of the Savage issue.

"I personally take the Savage issue to heart." Frazier said it is difficult to go into executive session to discuss it while "this toxin is running through our community."

She said it may not have hurt others on the board, but it hurt her and now she's over it. Frazier said, "This issue has developed into a community concern."

She said possible errors in the M-STEP test have been identified and remedied with help from the state. She said her granddaughter in the Gifted and Talented program at Savage took that test, too, and had her results thrown out.

"The board needs to step forward and put this behind us," Frazier said. "I am begging this board to become transparent and be straight with the community instead of letting the attorneys run the district."

She said the attorney fees could be \$500,000 by the time this is all over and, "That to me is a shame and shame on all of us."

Board Secretary Kevin English brushed away the comments by saying the school year is almost over and for everyone to have a nice summer.

"If a black cat crosses your path,
it signifies that the animal is going
somewhere."

— Groucho Marx

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION AND POSTING

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN:

Pursuant to Section 8 of the Michigan Charter Township Act (MCL 42.8) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Trustees on the 7th day of June 2016:

Ordinance 5-16-16: REQUIRED REGISTRATION OF MEDICAL MARIHUANA CULTIVATION FACILITIES. An ordinance to amend the Township's General Code of Ordinances to establish standards and procedures for the review and input of the Charter Township of Van Buren on the issuance, renewal and/or revocation of medical marihuana registrations for medical marihuana cultivation facilities.

A true copy of the proposed Ordinances may be viewed and inspected at the office of the Township Clerk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This ordinance will go into effect upon publication.

Posting Date: June 13, 2016
Date of Publication: June 16, 2016
Effective: June 16, 2016

Belleville Area Garden Club to learn about Michigan Garden Club

The next Belleville Area Garden Club meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, June 20, at the First United Methodist Church, 617 Charles Street. Speakers will be Ruth Moline and Carol Brodbeck who will discuss the Michigan Garden Club. A short business meeting will follow.

Those interested in gardening, making new friends, and getting involved in the community, are invited attend. The club meets the third Monday of every month except February and December. Annual dues are \$15. In addition to the monthly meetings, there are occasional workshops at members' homes, field trips to gardening venues, and social events.



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Kudlak

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and take on the challenge this district presents.

Board President Brent Mikulski said Kudlak was not tough to negotiate with which, “speaks to Mr. Kudlak’s character.”

Frazier said Kudlak visited all the schools in the district last Wednesday to see the students in the classrooms. He also visited central office and talked to people to find out what was happening first hand.

President Mikulski introduced the new superintendent who was met with enthusiastic applause. Supt. Kudlak was applauded four times that evening.

Supt. Kudlak said this is very exciting for him and that evening he got to meet some people. He referred to the hour-long closed door session by the board that he used going table to table in the cafeteria to talk to parents and teachers and supporters of the school in the audience.

“This is so unusual,” said one delighted retired teacher who noted the way Kudlak talked and listened and joked with people was very different from the last superintendent who instilled fear in the staff.

After the contract was approved, Frazier said she felt the district no longer needs to consult with former superintendent Michael Van Tassel, as was part of this separation agreement in February.

“I don’t think it’s necessary,” Frazier said. “Mr. Kudlak is more than capable of taking the reigns. I now think it’s time to cut the ties. The money we’re paying him is taking from the budget.”

“I don’t know if that is proper now,” said English, an enthusiastic supporter of Van Tassel for many years.

Frazier said she would like a report on how much the district is consulting with him, how much they are paying him, and just who is consulting with him.

In other business, the board:

- Approved membership renewal for Belleville High School and McBride Middle

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Southwest Water Treatment Plant 2015 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	05/11/2015	ppm	4	4	0.54	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	05/11/2015	ppm	10	10	0.43	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2015	ppb	n/a	80	.079	.032 -.079	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2015	ppb	n/a	60	.018	.009 - .018	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Disinfection – Monitoring in Distribution System by Treatment Plant								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDGL	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Quarterly Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	Jan.-Dec. 2015	ppm	4	4	0.67	0.56-0.79	no	Water additive used to control microbes.

2015 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.14 NTU	100%	no	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.			

2015 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System					
Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	0	no	Naturally present in the environment.
E. coli Bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive.	0	no	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

2014 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2014	ppb	0	15	0.5 ppb	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2014	ppm	1.3	1.3	85 ppb	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.								

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Combined Radium Radium 226 and 228	5/13/2014	pCi/L	0	5	0.65 + or - 0.54	no	Erosion of natural deposits

2015 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5.41	Erosion of natural deposits

Collection and sampling result information in the table provided by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) Water Quality Division, ML Semegen.

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School in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 2016-17 school year;

- Approved membership renewal in the

Michigan Association of School Boards for the 2016-17 school year at a cost of \$7,487;

- Approved a lease/purchase agreement of 16 copiers from Applied Imaging for five years of financing of \$194,193.55 in principal, with an interest rate of 4.41% per annum, through the Great American

Financial Services. Total cost is \$216,720;

- Approved deferment of procurement requirements for a year, as allowed by the federal government. Interim Supt. Diane Kullis said the district got a May 26 memo that required a lot of procedures by June 30 concerning federal grants since Dec. 26, 2014. The board's action will delay it for a year, "to make sure we have everything in place required. It's really nice they allow us another year," Supt. Kullis said. Frazier said this is a case of the government overreacting since all the problems with siphoning of federal funds from the Detroit schools;

- Discussed the Wolverine Pipeline's need to increase its easement from 15' on the north side of the Owen Intermediate School property to 75' for a second low-pressure gas pipeline. Representatives from Atwell, LLC, the company that manages the pipeline, were present to explain the need. They said Wolverine will replace anything damaged, like grass or the existing parking

lot at the front of the building. They said the Michigan Public Service Commission has approved the route of the 35-mile pipeline to bring petroleum to the Detroit area and construction is to take place July through December. The amount the district would get for the increased easement is \$537. Mikulski said this was just a time for information and they will come back and seek approval to proceed;

• Rescinded the March 21 board action regarding paving of McBride using Sinking Funds. Supt. Kullis said after that meeting the board received a written attorney opinion letter stating that review of Michigan Department of Treasury rulings indicated the district could not use sinking funds for road paving. No written agreement was ever executed between Van Buren Township and VBPS. Board vice president Martha Toth said the district could participate in the paving with a donation, but not with sinking funds. Frazier went over the bad information given to the board by school employees at that meeting. She said the township is getting a grant and willing to work with the school. She said she hoped they could find some money somewhere to get this paved. Toth suggested property owners along McBride could contribute. "I believe there is activity being taken at the township level," Mikulski said;

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City of Belleville Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle will be held:

2002 CHEVROLET, TWO-DOOR, VIN: 1G1JC124827350061

DATE: JUNE 13, 2016 BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
6 MAIN STREET
PUBLISH: JUNE 16, 2016 BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111
BY LISA LONG, CITY CLERK

Sumpter Township Public Notice

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Key to the Detected Contaminants Table

Symbol	Abbreviation	Definition/Explanation
>	Greater than	
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	not applicable	
ND	Not Detected	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
pCi/L	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
µmhos	Micromhos	Measure of electrical conductance of water
°C	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.

Public Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN 38th Judicial Circuit – Family Division MONROE COUNTY NOTICE OF HEARING TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

File No. 16-004894-AY

In the matter of

Brayden Christopher Mason, adoptee

TO: **Ms. Tami Roberts**

LKA – Belleville, MI

TAKE NOTICE: On 07/14/2016 at 9:00 a.m., in the Family/Probate courtroom, 106 E. First St., Monroe, MI 48161 before Cheryl E. Lohmeyer, Family & Probate Court Judge, a hearing will be held on the **PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS**. The law provides that you should be notified of this hearing. If you fail to appear at this hearing **YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE TERMINATED**.

If you choose to attend this hearing and you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you full participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements. 06/03/2016

Petitioner: Gregory & Jessica Mason
8778 Plankweld Dr.
Monroe, MI 48162
(734) 216-9304

Publish: June 16, 2016

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 546 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, June 5:
0029 – fireworks, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0214 – missing person, Park Estates
0318 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0328 – private property accident, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0350 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
0948 – harassment call, Ironwood Dr.
1116 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1117 – juvenile complaint, Morton Taylor Rd.
1435 – malicious destruction of property, Liberty Ln.
1509 – noise complaint, S. Woodbury Dr.
1510 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1523 – suicide or attempt, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville
1654 – ATV/ORV complaint, Bak Rd./Belleville Rd.
1736 – malicious destruction of property, Rayna Ct.
1756 – mental, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1816 – missing person, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1952 – dumping complaint, Bog Rd.
2148 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2347 – assault & battery, Laguna Dr.
Monday, June 6:
0007 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.
0940 – assault & battery, Beckley
1028 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1246 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1408 – found property, Rest Area
1438 – harassment call, N. Bellridge Dr.
1459 – disturbance, Dellor St.
1748 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Ricardo Dr.
1836 – fraud, Harmony Ln.
2028 – trespassing, E. Huron River Dr.
2038 – odor investigation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2051 – fight, Alden Ave.
2146 – assault & battery, N. Bellridge Dr.
Tuesday, June 7:
0035 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Haggerty
0212 – PPO violation, Van Buren St.
0512 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
0822 – sexual assault, Lake Point Blvd.
1012 – felony assault, N. Woodbury Dr.
1028 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1209 – abandoned auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1315 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.
1550 – overdose, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1818 – disturbance, Belleville Rd.
1831 – fraud, Tyler Rd.
2021 – narcotics crime, Village Green Ln.
2043 – malicious destruction of property, Martinsville Rd.
2124 – ATV/ORV complaint, Lohr Rd./Martz Rd.
2219 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
Wednesday, June 8:
0046 – assault & battery, Holly
0208 – family trouble, E. Walden Dr.
0328 – family trouble, E. Walden Dr.
0404 – shots fired, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0857 – mental, Ayres Ave.
0903 – disturbance, Belleville Rd.
1319 – agency assist, WB I-94/rest area
1351 – harassment call, Ash Dr.
1517 – malicious destruction of property, McBride
1559 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1632 – personal injury accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Farm Rd.
1801 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1845 – larceny, Morton Taylor Rd.
2000 – missing person, Sawgrass Ct.
Thursday, June 9:
0246 – juvenile complaint, Marlowe Ave.
0716 – larceny, Maple Dr.
1058 – assault & battery, Van Born
1123 – intimidation threat, Estates
1124-1231 – five E-911 cellular calls from Village Center Dr.
1459 – fight, Bradley Dr./Morton Taylor Rd.
1655 – suicide or attempt, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1724 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Belleville Rd., cancel
2127 – trespassing, Van Buren Park
2149 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
2232 – overdose, Jackson St.
2233 – noise complaint, Ventura Dr.
2315 – vehicle repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Friday, June 10:
0140 – malicious destruction of property, Willow Way
0645 – property damage accident, EB Ecorse / bypass
0743 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0829 – private property accident, Costco
0913 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1027 – ordinance violation, Beck Rd.
1027 – code enforcement, Dellor St.
1339 – agency assist, Lake Point Blvd.
1345 – malicious destruction of property, Riggs Park
1352 – ordinance violation, Bemis Rd.
1403 – larceny, N. Woodbury Dr.
1437 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr., cancel
1604 – suicide or attempt, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1735 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / Tyler Rd.
1923 – assault & battery, DNR boat launch
1925 – suicide or attempt, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.
1931 – larceny, N. Bellridge Dr.
1953 – larceny, Reene Dr.
2114 – hospice, Holly Ln.
Saturday, June 11:
0033 – disturbance, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty
0248 – agency assist, Main St.
0911 – agency assist, Park Estates
1222 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1229 – unattended death, Stanley Rd.
1256 – property damage accident, Culver’s
1448 – neighbor trouble, Jackson Ln.
1551 – harassment call, Jackson Ln.
1718 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
1926 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2036 – property damage accident, Van Buren St.
2141 – fireworks, S. Bellridge Dr.
2148 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / McBride Ave.
2249 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 232 traffic stops, 28 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 5:
0916 – suspicious person, E. Columbia Ave.
1000 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1433 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.
1713 – E-911 cellular, Victorian
1742 – trespassing, Main St.
1750 – malicious destruction of property, Menlo Park Dr.
1917 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
2103 – suicide or attempt, Loza Ln.
Monday, June 6:
0313 – property check, Harbour Pointe Dr.
0849 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
0852 – assist fire dept., Edison Ave.
1057 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Henry St.
1128 – assist fire dept., Second
1849 – property check, Church St.
2122 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave.
1348 – civil matter, South St.
1408 – domestic assault, Biggs Ave.
1511 – other miscellaneous complaint, Santa Clara St., cancel
1647 – background investigation, Main St.
1701 – background investigation, Main St.
1731 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave., cancel
1742 – assault & battery, S. Edgemont Ave.
1801 – follow up, Henry St.
1855 – follow up, N. Edgemont Ave.
1945 – civil matter, Biggs Ave.
2325 – malicious destruction of property, Victory Park
Wednesday, June 8:
0354 – assist citizen, Henry St.
0940 – background investigation, Main St., cancel

1115 – parking complaint, Potter Dr.
1145 – operating while intoxicated, Henry St. / South St.
1319 – prisoner transport, S. Wayne Rd.
1718 – intrusion alarm, Anaheim
1744 – intrusion alarm, Anaheim
2036 – juvenile complaint, Main and the Bridge
2040 – warrant arrest, Belleville
2202 – agency assist, Chase Bank
Thursday, June 9:
0829 – miscellaneous complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1401 – ordinance violation, E. Huron River Dr. / S. Edgemont Ave.
1401 – larceny, Robbe St. / Biggs Ave.
1417 – background investigation, Main St., cancel
1430 – background investigation, Main St., cancel
1436 – background investigation, Main St., cancel
1833 – fraud, E. Waterbury Ct.
2016 – ATV/ORV complaint, Victorian Ln. / Victorian Ct.
2111 – civil matter, Main St.
2258 – information, Village Park
Friday, June 10:
1059 – follow up, E. Huron River Dr./S. Edgemont
1110 – animal complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
1408 – follow up, Church St.
1942 – juvenile complaint, N. Liberty/Fifth St.
2035 – disorderly conduct, Horizon Park
2150 – agency assist, Meadows/Quirk
2220 – malicious destruction of property, Carmell
Saturday, June 11:
0247 – personal injury accident, Main St.
0322 – suspicious vehicle, N. Liberty St.
0323 – suspicious vehicle, Main St.
0324 – agency assist, Main St., duplicate
0939 – disturbance, Main St.
1206 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1353 – animal complaint, Wexford Ave.
1606 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
1647 – juvenile complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
2357 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
Also on this week’s log are 31 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 5:
0052 – alarm, 8100 Rawsonville Rd.
0226 – fireworks complaint, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0945 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1037 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1326 – reckless driver, Wear/Sumpter
1712 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2042 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willis
2126 – assist other agency, out of township
2246 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
Monday, June 6:
0132 – mental health commitment, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0915 – suspicious person, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0924 – assist other agency, out of township
1447 – mental health commitment, 44000 bl. Paris
1908 – subpoena service, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
1942 – subpoena service, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz
2158 – civil dispute, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2314 – assist other agency, out of township
Tuesday, June 7:
0109 – traffic hazard, Bemis/Lohr
0213 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0615 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
1246 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1815 – subpoena service, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz
1844 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1938 – down wires, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1955 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2003 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
2213 – threats complaint, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
Wednesday, June 8:
0210 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1128 – well-being check, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1215 – fraud complaint, Delaware
1249 – alarm, 48000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1312 – alarm, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1314 – suspicious vehicle, Carriage Ln.
1320 – alarm, 8500 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1816 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Traskos
2048 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
2123 – civil dispute, Nevada

Thursday, June 9:
0641 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
0720 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
0826 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
0831 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1033 – civil dispute, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1438 – reckless driver, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1537 – suspicious person, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1621 – death investigation, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1656 – recovered stolen property, 24000 bl. Karr
1727 – recovered stolen property, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
Friday, June 10:
0156 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis
0941 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1339 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1421 – harassment complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1557 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1742 – civil dispute, Pecan
1837 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1932 – well-being check, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2109 – suspicious person, 21000 bl. Fenster Dr.
2145 – fireworks complaint, 20000 bl. Crandell Ct.
2318 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2342 – suspicious incident, Rawsonville/Willow
Saturday, June 11:
0014 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0421 – civil dispute, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
0639 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis
0752 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0821 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 21000 bl. Meri Dr.
1026 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1133 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1150 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1243 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1246 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1358 – assist other agency, Bemis/Elwell
1510 – disorderly person, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1517 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1537 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
1809 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1855 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane
1952 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2117 – fireworks complaint, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
2151 – noise complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2219 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2248 – noise complaint, Carriage Ln.
2307 – suspicious vehicle, Washington
2312 – animal complaint, Harris/Martinsville
Also on this week’s log are 17 follow-up investigations, 42 miscellaneous details, 116 patrol checks, and 63 traffic stops.

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- Approved resignations of two administrators: Savage Principal Amy Gee after one year as of June 30 for employment at Wayne-Westland; and Financial Director Shareen Barker, after two years, as of Aug 5;
- Approved hiring teacher Michael Sherman at Rawsonville starting Sept. 1;
- Approved the retirement of Nancy Gravel, after 22 years in Transportation as of June 1; and retirements of paraprofessionals Maria Todd, 32 years, and Dawn Bumbul, 31 years, both as of June 30;
- Approved hiring Jasmine Banks as a bus aide as of May 6 and Jessica McIntyre as an afternoon custodian as of May 26;
- Approved the use of school buses for the Boys and Girls Club for six trips this summer at the rate of \$35 per hour and \$1 per mile; and
- Was reminded of the board’s work/study session at 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 20, for a budget review.

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The Belleville Area Lions Club is raffling off a 26" Men's Brutus fat tire bike during Strawberry Festival week end. Tickets are \$1 each and six for \$5 and the winning ticket will be drawn at 6 p.m. Sunday at Trinity Episcopal Church. You need not be present to win. Tickets will be sold from a Lions booth in front of Trinity church on Belleville Road over the week end. Lion Sarah McDonald, chairwoman of the fund raiser, shows off the bike.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY AUGUST 2, 2016

To the Qualified Electors of CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN –
WAYNE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, July 5, 2016 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

The August 2, 2016 Primary Election will be conducted in all voting precincts of the Charter Township of Van Buren for the purpose of proposal continuation or renewal and nominating candidates for the following office:

CONGRESSIONAL: District Representative, **LEGISLATIVE:** District Representative, **COUNTY:** Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds and Commissioner, **JUDICIAL:** Circuit Court Judge(s), **TOWNSHIP:** Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk and Trustees, **DELEGATE:** Delegate(s) to County Convention., **PROPOSALS:** Proposition P- Parks Millage Continuation rollback rate of .2459 for five more years (2016-2020), Wayne County Zoological Authority Renewal Millage-Renewal of 0.1 mill for a period of ten years beginning 2018 through 2027.

A sample of the ballot may be obtained at the Van Buren Township Clerk's Office or on the Township website www.vanburen-mi.org.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

In Person:

- At the township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP CLERK
46425 TYLER RD.
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, MI 48111

Telephone number: 734.699.8909

Qualifications for Registration

1. Applicant is at least 18 years of age.
2. Resident of Van Buren Township for at least 30 days.
3. Citizen of the United States.

Note: A Person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the August 2, 2016 Election is Saturday, July 30, 2016 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office.

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48455 BAYSHORE, VAN BUREN

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242 CHURCH, BELLEVILLE

CHARACTER-RICH WITH ORIGINAL details. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Larger Kitchen, Impressive formal dining room with Large Living Room, Fireplace and Hardwood Floors and Basement. This home includes 3 lots, big three car garage, rear deck and fish pond. \$245,000



12540 BECK, VAN BUREN

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17700 ODYSSEY, SUMPTER

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8533 MEADOW SPRINGS, SUMPTER

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VACANT MCKEAN 11+ ACRES	\$85,000
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26455 KARR 5 ACRES 162X1308	\$35,000
26405 KARR 5 ACRES 162X1308	\$35,000

25817 SUMPTER RD .97 ACRES	\$20,000
26960 SHERWOOD 2.5 ACRES	\$30,000
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24409 SHERWOOD 1.15 ACRES	\$30,000
20743 GRIFFIN COURT 1.4 AC	\$29,500
VACANT RAWSONVILLE 57 AC	\$250,000

42915 WILLIS 4 SPLITS	\$30,000 TO \$40,000
49317 ARKONA 40.28 ACRES	\$180,000
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VINING AND SIBLEY 21+ ACRES	\$450,000
WILLOW ROAD 1.36 ACRES	\$25,000
BOHN NEAR DUNN 5 ACRES	\$29,000

BELLEVILLE	
337 MAIN .32 ACRES 83X165	\$79,500
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP	
739 SAVAGE PAVED ST 1.02 ACRES	\$35,000
47441 MARTZ ROAD 17+ ACRES	\$176,000
VACANT BOG ROAD .55 ACRES	\$29,750

VACANT BOG ROAD 1.36 ACRES	\$30,000
VACANT BOG RD 12.83ACRES	\$129,000
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